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Classified By: AMBASSADOR PAUL TRIVELLI. REASONS 1.4 (B,D).

(C) Foreign Minister Norman Caldera has assured the Ambassador that the GON fully supports the EU-3 and USG positions on Iran and its nuclear program. He promises to have the Nicaraguan delegation to the U.N. consult with their USG counterparts on any action that needs to be taken. During a meeting on January 20, Caldera also termed recent Iranian anti-Israel statements as, "beastly and unacceptable." He reported that he had recently sent a note to the new Israeli Foreign Minister, Tzipi Livni, congratulating her on her appointment and voicing the hope that Nicaraguan-Israeli relations could return to their former high level, a reference to Nicaraguan disappointment at the GOI's support for Peru in the recent race for a non-permanent Latin American seat on the UNSC. Caldera added that Nicaragua theoretically owes Iran some \$300 million in old oil debt from the 1980s, so they may have to talk to Iran about the issue at some point.
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